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TO AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

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SUBJ: USG- GOU RELATIONS

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1. PER REFTEL (A), AF/ E DIRECTOR COOTE INFORMED AMB. RAMATHAN MAY 3 THAT AMB. MELADY WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO KAMPALA AND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS RESIGNATION EXPECTED SOON. ALSO SAID EMBASSY HAD PASSED THIS INFO TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. ASKED WHETHER NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA WOULD BE NAMED, COOTE REPLIED ALONG LINES PARA 2 REFTEL (A).

2. RAMATHAN STATED HE WAITING FOR AIR TICKET TO RETURN TO UGANDA IN FEW DAYS FOR MEETING OF ALL AMBASSADORS. SAID IBINGIRA DEPARTED NEW YORK FOR KAMPALA TWO DAYS AGO. RAMATHAN SAID HIS WIFE WILL BE GOING BACK TO KENYA (KISUMU AND NAIROBI) TO SEE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, BUT HE MADE NO MENTION OF HER TRAVELING TO UGANDA. ALSO STATED HE UNSURE HOW LONG HE WOULD BE AWAY BUT QTE IF ALL GOES WELL UNQTE HE HOPES TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: DEPT AGREES WITH POST' S COMMENT THAT IT SEEMS
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VERY DOUBTFUL THAT RAMATHAN WILL BE RETURNING HERE. RUSH

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